

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 8 and its dependent claims 9-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form with all of the limitations of base claim 1 incorporated into claim 8, provided that all of the 112 issues were cleared by removing the recitation that the hydrophobic block contains a random sequence.

Applicant has amended claim 8 to recite the limitations of base claim 1 without the recitation of the hydrophobic block containing random sequences. Accordingly, claim 8 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 9-11 are dependent upon claim 8 and should also now be in condition for allowance.

The rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement is respectfully traversed. Claims 1-7 and 10 have been canceled and claim 8 amended to remove the recitation of the hydrophobic block containing random sequences.

Claims 12 and 15 have also been amended to depend from claim 8 which is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the rejection of the remaining claims under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 1-7 and 12-15 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cha et al (USP 5,702,717) is respectfully traversed. Applicant has amended claims 12 and 15 to depend from claim 8 which has been amended to place it in condition for allowance. Accordingly, all of the claims which depend upon claim 8 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 8-11 and 12-15 is respectfully solicited.

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